

The Daily Courant.

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Basil, Aug. 3.

THE Marquis de Puisieux, Ambassador of France to the Swiss Cantons, has newly presented a very singular Memorial to those Cantons that are in Alliance with the Principality of Neuchâtel. 'Tis as follows.

THE King my Master having thought fit to allow all the French Competitors the Liberty of asserting by proper Methods their several Claims and Titles to the Succession of the Principality of Neuchâtel; and his Majesty's Intention being not to favour one of his Subjects to the Prejudice of another, but only to hinder the Elector of Brandenburg or any other foreign Pretender from being prefer'd to them; I have forbore to apply my self to you as long as I was perswaded that the chimerical Right of the Elector of Brandenburg would not prevail over the indisputable Right of the French Pretenders: But understanding now that the Party that Prince has in Neuchâtel gets Strength, and that some Persons of the said Principality entertaining a wrong Notion of their true Interest, give too favourable an Ear to the Allegations and Reasons urg'd to them by M. de Metternich to shew his Master's Right, without considering the Evils those of Neuchâtel would draw upon themselves should they acknowledge for their Sovereign a Foreigner who is in actual Alliance with the King's Enemies, and consequently whose Territories would be expos'd to all the Contributions his Majesty might with just Reason demand; I therefore address my self to your illustrious Lordships to declare to you the King's Intention, which is, not to suffer the Succession of Neuchâtel to fall on any other than on one of the Pretenders that are his Subjects, they being the only Persons that have a legal Right to it; and further to represent, that his Majesty will be sorry to be oblig'd to make Use of Means that will not be very pleasing to those of Neuchâtel; that these Considerations ought to prevail with them to have no Regard to the imaginary Pretensions of the Elector of Brandenburg; that it concerns the Cantons in Alliance with Neuchâtel to take Care least a Prince who has always been the King's avow'd Enemy, without any particular Cause, and only because he is engag'd to follow of Course the Fortune of the Empire, should, by becoming your Ally, frequently involve you in troublesome Contentions; that as often as War should break out between the Crown of France and the Empire, his Majesty would be oblig'd to look upon those of Neuchâtel as his Enemies, and consequently to use due Precaution to frustrate the Designs of a foreign Prince its Possessor; that his Majesty cannot tell what would be the Consequences of this, nor engage to prevent them, notwithstanding the great Affection he shall always have for the laudable

Cantons; that it is their Business to consider this maturely; that it becomes their Wisdom to avoid these Ills, and see that those of Neuchâtel act uprightly and with due Regard to the Right of his Majesty's Subjects, who are certainly the only legal Claimants of the Succession of Neuchâtel. I intreat your illustrious Lordships to have Regard to what I have represented to you on the Part of the King my Master, and without Loss of Time to communicate it to the Regency and City of Neuchâtel, and to advise them to take it into Consideration.

Those of Neuchâtel and the Cantons their Allies, calling to mind that in the Year 1691 the King of France solemnly declar'd, that after the Death of the Dutchess of Nemours he would leave them to examine who was her true Successor, and that those of Neuchâtel should inform him of it; they cannot now comprehend how M. de Puisieux should in this Memorial represent his Master as having quite forgotten that Promise, or else as having determin'd to break it. By the best Guesses that can yet be made, the King of Prussia has the best Interest in Neuchâtel of any of the Competitors, notwithstanding the Menaces of the King of France. The Tribunal which is to decide this important Controversy, is compos'd of 12 Persons, who are the States of the Country. It was to have been open'd the 28th of last Month, but is put off to the 26th of this Month, upon a Dispute between M. de Metternich Ambassador of the King of Prussia, and the Prince of Conti, for Precedency.

Hague, August 12. We have Advice from Switzerland, that Count Metternich, the Prussian Minister at Neuchâtel, designs to publish Remarks on the Marquis de Puisieux's haughty and threatening Memorial to the Cantons in Alliance with the Principality of Neuchâtel, to prove that it tends directly to hinder the Course of Justice and Equity. He will go further, and shew, that while the Franche Comte was in the Hands of the House of Austria, that House during the Wars with France never once attempted to put under Contribution the Country of Neuchâtel, tho' it was possess'd by a French Sovereign; and this they forbore to do purely out of Respect to the Alliance between that Country and some Cantons of the Helvetic Body, which sheltered it from the Insults with which France so arrogantly threatens it. And Baron Schmettau the Prussian Minister here, has taken Occasion from hence to insinuate to Deputies of the States, that to prevent the Execution of those Menaces of France, and for the future Welfare and security of the Country of Neuchâtel, and even of Switzerland it self, the Allies might do well to enter into an Engagement to make France restore the Franche Comte to the Austrian Monarch which they are endeavouring to place on the

the Throne of Spain. Mr. Stanyan Envoy of Great Britain, has presented to the Magistracy of Berne (one of the 4 Cantons allied to the Principality of Neuchâtel) a Memorial recommending to them the Right of his Prussian Majesty; and is now at Neuchâtel, where on his Arrival he was receiv'd with great Honour, and complimented by the Regency &c. with Expressions of the highest Veneration and Zeal for the Person and Interests of the Queen his Mistress; whose Interposition in behalf of his Prussian Majesty will be of mighty Advantage to him. The 3d of this Month Signior Benedetto Viale, Envoy of Genoa, had Audience of the States, with the usual Ceremonies. That is to say, 2 Deputies from the State conducted him from his own House in the 2d Coach of State with 4 Horses, and after his Audience reconducted him home in the same Manner. He did not know that the Ceremonies establish'd here for all Envoys are the same, and therefore got the Swedish Minister to give him in Writing the Manner of his Audience, designing to demand the same Distinctions that are allow'd to a Minister from a Crown'd Head; but he found that Caution was superfluous. [The Speech made by this Envoy to the States shall be inserted in one of our succeeding Papers.] Vice-Admiral Wassenaar is nominated to go and take on him the Command of the Ships of War of this State that are in the Fleet in the Mediterranean, in the Room of Vice-Admiral Van der Goet deceased. Letters from Germany advise, that the 4 Regiments of Swedes that have entered Silesia, lord it there with great Haughtiness: This Invasion of Silesia, at a Time when the Allies are in so promising a Carrière, makes Men call to Mind the late King of Sweden's Entrance into the Electorate of Brandenburg in the War of 1672, in Favour of France. And some People here of plain and warm Tempers, cannot forbear expressing themselves with great Indignation, at the King of Sweden's entering the Emperour's Hereditary Countries, to take his own Satisfaction (whatever that be) for the Injuries he pretends to have receiv'd from the Emperour, after the Instances of uncommon Submission the Emperour has given in delivering up Count Zbor &c. and offering to leave the Question about the Escape of the Muscovites to a fair Negotiation or to the Arbitration of a Queen whose Prudence and Equity are acknowledg'd by all Europe: They argue, that the young northern Monarch might well take those Instances of the Emperour's Submission for no small Part of Satisfaction, and that for the rest it would be no less to his Honour to be moderate and tractable; but that should he at this Juncture resolve to push on his Contest with the Emperour to Extremities, it would unavoidably be a mighty Prejudice, tho' indirectly, to the common Cause, and tend in no little Measure to render ineffectual the Exence of so many Millions and of so much Blood as Great Britain and this State have for the general Good of Mankind been at for ruining the ambitious Projects of France. At the same time, Men of more Plegm here persuade themselves; that France will be disappointed of their Expectation to see the Differences between the Imperial and Swedish Courts make a downright Rupture between them: And upon the whole 'tis certain they have good Ground for these Hopes, the States having receiv'd Advice from several Parts, that the said Differences are brought very near to a friendly Accommodation. The College of Nobles of the Province of Holland have chosen M. Starembourg for President of the Council of State of that Province.

By her Majesty's Company of Comedians.
AT the Queen's Theatre in the Hay-Market, to Morrow being Tuesday, the 7th of August will be presented, a Comedy call'd, The Lancashire Witches, and Flying of the Witches, as they were originally perform'd, and all the Musical Parts acted by the principal Comedians, viz. Teague O Dively by Mr. Bullock, Sir Timothy Snakthead by Mr. Norris, Tom Shacklehead by Mr. Jonson, young Hariford by Mr. Pack, Clod by Mr. Fairbank, Thomas O Georges by Mr. Cross. Being the last Time of acting this Play this Season.

Henry Warrice late of East-Smithfield Butcher, Ran away from his present Master John Johnson Butcher in Wapping, on Wednesday the 29th of July 1707. All Persons are desir'd to seize him and send Word to John Johnson aforesaid, and they shall receive of him their Charges and also a reasonable Reward. He is of a Brown Complexion, wears his own Hair, about 22 Years old and 5 Foot 4 Inches high, Born at Henley upon Thames.

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